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(b) the number of Mappillas and non-Mappillas who were permitted to take their families to the Andamans annually ; and

(c) the number of Mappillas and non-Mappillas who actually took their families to the Andamans annually ?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government do not propose to call for the information.

Colonization of the Andamans.

* 1282 Q.—K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR Bahadur : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applicants with their names and address who requested permission to colonize the Andamans from 1923-24 to 1926-27 annually ;

(b) the number of persons who were given such permission and their names ;

(c) the number and names of persons who actually left for the Andamans, during that period ;

(d) the number and names of persons who returned to India after staying there for a few months, during that period ;

(e) the reasons for their return ; and

(f) the number and names of persons who died in the Andamans and the causes of their death ?

A.—(a) to (f) The Government are not prepared to get the detailed information required.

Laws for the Mappillas in the Andamans.

* 1283 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state —

(a) whether there are any laws in the Andamans to which the Mappillas therein are subjected ; and

(b) whether a copy of such laws will be placed on the table ?

A.—(a) Free Mappilla men, women and children in the Andamans are governed in the same way and by the same laws as those by which other free residents are governed. The laws in force there are the same as those in the rest of British India with the addition of Regulation III of 1876 and subsequent amending regulations.

(b) The regulations are available for sale and can be obtained by the public from the Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta. A copy will be obtained and placed in the Secretariat Library for reference.

Number of Mappillas in Andamans.

* 1284 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Mappilla men, women and children in the Andamans ; and

(b) how many of them are convicts ?

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A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 826.

Corporal punishments in jails.

* 1285 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether corporal punishment is still given in jails; and
- (b) how many such punishments were given in 1926-27?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Corporal punishments were inflicted in seven cases in 1926. No figures are available for 1927.

Retirement

Age-limit for the retirement of gazetted and non-gazetted officers.

* 1286 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the non-gazetted ministerial officers are allowed to remain in service after 55 years till they reach the 60th year;

(b) whether the gazetted officers are not allowed to remain after 55 years; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to issue instructions that the non-gazetted ministerial officers should be made to retire like gazetted officers at the age of 55 years without granting any extension?

A.—(a) They may be required to retire at the age of 55, but should ordinarily be retained in service, if they continue efficient up to the age of 60. After 60 they may not be retained, except in very special circumstances and with the sanction of Government.

(b) Yes, unless retained on public grounds with the sanction of the Government or of the head of the department, if he is competent to appoint permanently to the post held by the Government servant concerned and the Government servant is under 60.

(c) The present rule was made by the Secretary of State and the Government see no reason for modifying it.

Education

Filling up of vacancies in the selection grade of the Subordinate Educational Service.

* 1287 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of vacancies there were in both the branches (Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants) of the selection grade of the Subordinate Educational Service since the formation of this cadre about five years ago; and

(b) how many of these vacancies were filled up by Muslims and how many by other communities?